

--The operation of this system will be similar to that described with reference to Figure 8 with the exception that the audio device 5 is not a telephone but rather a microphone or like device that provides direct audio connection to the audio module 244. Again in this example, the initial step of the dialog may require the user to utter phrases such as "I am at machine X" or "connect me to machine X". In other respects, the system shown in Figure 11 will function in a similar manner to that shown in Figure 8. This arrangement may be particularly advantageous in a home environment.--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--A control apparatus enables speech control of a processor-controlled machine connectable to speech a processing apparatus. The control apparatus provides: a client module for receiving dialog interpretable instructions derived from speech data processed by the speech processing apparatus; a dialog communication arrangement for interpreting received dialog interpretable instructions using a dialog compatible with the machine and for communicating with the processor-controlled machine using the dialog to enable information to be provided to the user in response to received dialog interpretable instructions, thereby enabling a dialog to be conducted with the user; a dialog determiner for determining from information provided by the machine the dialog to be used with that machine; and a machine communicator communicating with the machine to cause the machine to carry out a function in accordance with the dialog with the user.--.